

IBIZAN HOUND CLUB OF THE UNITED STATES

Membership Application Instructions



All persons applying for membership shall:

- Obtain a minimum of two (2) sponsors who are current Club Members in good standing (preferably not from the same household) and have been a member for a minimum of one year. (Applicants applying for Foreign Membership do not need sponsors.)
- Submit a completed membership application.
- Submit appropriate membership application fees (check made payable to IHCUS or paid via PayPal to treasurer@ihcus.org).
- Read and agree to abide by the IHCUS Constitution and Bylaws, the Club's Code of Ethics and the rules of the American Kennel Club.

Sponsors

In addition to being a club member in good standing for a minimum of 1 year, Sponsors should have sufficient personal contact with the applicant; face-to-face association is preferred, rather than slight acquaintance or long distance communication only. Sponsors are to vouch for the applicants' character, ethics, sportsmanship and treatment of dogs in their care. Casual relationships based solely on social media must also include secondary contact (telephone conversations, home checks, meeting at a show, etc.) Whenever possible the Sponsor or another IHCUS member on their behalf should make a visit to the applicant's home

Applicants seeking Sponsors are encouraged to contact the Membership Committee who will attempt to network on their behalf by locating IHCUS members in their region.

Applicants applying for Foreign Membership do not need sponsors. Foreign Membership is open to those who do not reside in the United States or its territories and who are entitled to all membership privileges except the right to hold office and the right to vote in elections, or on amendments to the bylaws, revisions to the breed standard or to sponsor or vote on membership applicants.

Process

1. The Membership Committee will review applications and sponsorship forms for completeness and forward their findings to the IHCUS Board of Directors.
2. Applicant names will be published in the next quarterly issue of the Club newsletter, *The Third Eye*.
3. The Board of Directors will vote on applications three weeks following publication in the *Third Eye*.
4. The Membership Chair will notify applicants the status of their membership following the Board vote.

Submission of the application constitutes agreement that the information contained in the application form will be made available for review by IHCUS members and that IHCUS will solicit information from references.

Application Fees

An initiation fee of \$25.00 per application (non-refundable) is required plus the first year's membership dues (refundable should an applicant be denied membership). Annual dues are \$40.00 per individual and \$25.00 for each additional person living at the same household seeking membership.

<u>Number of applicants</u>	<u>Initiation Fees</u>	<u>Annual Dues</u>	<u>Total Application Fees</u>
One (individual)	\$25	\$ 40	\$ 65
Two (household)	\$25	\$ 65 (\$40 + \$25 second person)	\$ 90 (\$65 + \$25)
Three (household)	\$25	\$ 90 (\$40 + \$25 + \$25 third person)	\$115 (\$90 + \$25)

Subscriptions

Memberships include a subscription to the IHCUS newsletter *The Third Eye* and are invited to join the IHCUS Yahoo (members only) internet newsgroup. (http://pets.groups.yahoo.com/group/IHCUS_members/)

Mail Completed Applications & Fees To:

IHCUS Membership

c/o: Shelley Kozinski
322 Tooley Branch Rd
Westmoreland, TN 37186

Or email the application to: membership@ihcus.org with a copy of a PayPal receipt showing payment all fees
(PayPal = treasurer@ihcus.org)

*Make checks payable to "IHCUS"